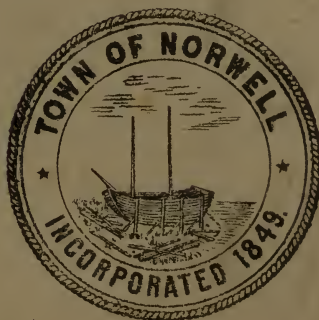




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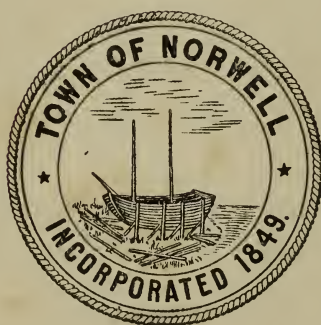
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# Town Officers

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## *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor*

FRANK W. JONES                      EDWARD M. SEXTON  
LOTHROP E. FESSENDEN

## *Town Clerk*

JOSEPH F. MERRITT

## *Treasurer*

HERBERT E. ROBBINS

## *Tax Collector*

WILLIAM H. SPENCER

## *Surveyor of Highways*

L. F. HAMMOND

## *School Committee*

BENJAMIN LORING    MRS. AMY W. SYLVESTER  
CARRIE M. FORD

## *Auditor*

HARRY T. FOGG

## *Board of Health*

JOHN F. WILDER                      MINOT WILLIAMSON  
J. LYMAN WADSWORTH

## *Constables*

WALTER T. OSBORNE                      L. F. HAMMOND  
J. WARREN FOSTER                      JOHN F. WILDER  
JESSE M. WINSLOW

## *Cemetery Committee*

FRANK W. JONES                      ARTHUR T. STODDARD  
W. WALLACE FARRAR

## *Tree Warden*

JOHN H. SPARRELL



*Sealer of Weights and Measures*  
ALVAN G. SPENCER

*Field Drivers*  
THE CONSTABLES

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OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

*Registrars of Voters*

JOSEPH F. MERRITT	ARTHUR T. STODDARD
HENRY J. TOLMAN	WILLIAM E. SEXTON

*Warden of Almshouse*  
JOHN F. WILDER

<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	<i>Gypsy Moth Agent</i>
JOHN H. SPARRELL	JOHN H. SPARRELL

*Inspector of Animals*  
J. WARREN FOSTER

*Inspectors of Slaughtered Animals*

AMOS H. TILDEN	J. ALDEN DAMON
ALPHEUS DAMON	

*Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark*

BERT RICHARDSON	JOHN WHALEN
W. D. TURNER	ARTHUR T. STODDARD
BENJAMIN LORING	F. E. HENDERSON
JOHN E. LESLIE	J. FRANK TURNER

<i>Town Weigher</i>	<i>Special Weigher</i>
JOHN F. WILDER	WILLIAM E. BURDETTE

*Keeper of Lockup*  
JOHN F. WILDER

# Report of the Town Clerk

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## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1916.

Pursuant to a warrant, duly executed, the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell, qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall, Monday, March 6, 1916, and took the following action on the articles contained therein:

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

John Whalen was chosen moderator by ballot. He was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. To bring in their votes for a Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables and a Tree Warden for one year, one member of the Board of Health and one member of the School Committee for three years and to vote Yes or No in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" All on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M. to 11 A. M.

192 names of male and 3 females were checked on the voting lists and a total of 195 ballots were cast.

The ballots were canvassed and counted in open meeting and the result declared by the moderator as follows:

Town Clerk, (for one year)

Joseph F. Merritt	173
Blanks	19

Selectman, (for three years)

Lothrop E. Fessenden	117
Ezra E. Stetson	72
Blanks	3

Assessor, (for three years)

Lothrop E. Fessenden	114
Ezra E. Stetson	68
Blanks	10

Overseers of Poor, (for three years)

Lothrop E. Fessenden	116
Ezra E. Stetson	67
Blanks	9

Town Treasurer (for one year)

Herbert E. Robbins	173
Blanks	19

Collector of Taxes, (for one year)

William H. Spencer	159
Blanks	33



## Auditor, (for one year)

Harry T. Fogg	165
Blanks	27

## School Committee, (for three years)

Edward L. Houghton	74
Benjamin Loring	107
Blanks	14

## Board of Health, (for three years)

J. Lyman Wadsworth	150
Blanks	42

## Highway Surveyor, (for one year)

L. Frank Hammond	98
Arthur J. Mitchell	68
Harry G. Pinson	18
Blanks	8

## Constables, (for one year)

J. Warren Foster	151
L. Frank Hammond	150
Walter T. Osborn	154
John F. Wilder	136
Jesse M. Winslow	151
Blanks	210

## Tree Warden, (for one year)

John H. Sparrell	139
Blanks	53

Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town?

Yes	75
No	97
Blanks	20

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Town Clerk, Joseph F. Merritt.

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, Lothrop E. Fessenden.

Treasurer, Herbert E. Robbins.

Collector of Taxes, William H. Spencer.

Auditor, Harry T. Fogg.

School Committee, Benjamin Loring.

Board of Health, J. Lyman Wadsworth.

Highway Surveyor, L. Frank Hammond.

Constables, J. Warren Foster, L. Frank Hammond, Walter T. Osborn, John F. Wilder, Jesse M. Winslow.

Tree Warden, John H. Sparrell.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Voted, to accept the reports of town officers as printed.

Article 4. To make the necessary appropriation to defray the expenses of the town and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Voted, to appropriate the following amounts:

Support of Poor	\$1,500 00
Almshouse	1,400 00
Support of Schools	7,000 00
Highways	3,000 00
Removing Snow (the excise tax)	
Memorial Day	150 00
State Aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1800 00
Washington Street Cemetery	75 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Mowing Bushes	100 00
Board of Health	500 00
School Physician	25 00
Squares and Triangles	100 00
Town Hall	50 00
Electric Lights	350 00
James Library	100 00
Fire Department	425 00
Abatement of Taxes	200 00
Gypsy Moth	522 32
Superintendent of Schools	250 00
Interest	1,200 00
State and County Taxes	4,700 00
Gaffield Park	25 00
Incidentals	850 00
Spraying Elms	200 00

Other amounts appropriated under different articles:

Town Office	\$100 00
River Street (conditional)	5,000 00

Town Landing (conditional)	25 00
Painting Schoolhouses Nos. 1 and 7	250 00

Voted, to raise by taxation a sum not exceeding \$30,000 to be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1917, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1917.

Voted, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money on and after January 1, 1917, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1917, and to

issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1917.

Article 7. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, to pay thirty cents per hour for removing snow.

Article 8. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the collector shall issue summons after January 1, 1917.

Article 9. To make allowance to town creditors.

Voted, that bill of Harry T. Fogg, agent, for \$24.75 additional premium on collector's bond be paid.

Voted, that bill of \$71.00 for applying oil on Washington Street, be paid.

Voted, that bill of Dr. Lyon be referred to Overseers of Poor and that they be authorized to pay the same provided the Overseers of the Poor of Hanover first agree to reimburse the town.

Article 10. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 11. Will the town cause a statement of its financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Voted, that a report of the financial affairs of the town including reports of the town officers, be printed in February 1917.

Article 12. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington Street.

An appropriation of \$75.00 was made under Article 4.

Article 13. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year.

Voted, to pay 25 cents per hour for men, \$5.00 per day for man and two horses and \$3.50 per day for man and one horse.

Article 14. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair.

Voted, that the sidewalks be referred to the Highway Surveyor.

Article 15. Will the town give any instruction to town officers.

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to make the necessary petition to the Massachusetts Highway Commission and authorized to enter into the necessary contract to carry out the provisions of Article 26.

Voted, that the Town Clerk send a copy of the vote taken under Article 31, to the selectmen and school committee.

Voted, that the Selectmen cause three sets of the annual reports of the town to be bound, one for their office, one for the Town Clerk and one for the Treasurer.



Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to arrange for additional room at the town office and that \$100.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 16. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year.

Voted, to pay 50 cents per hour for work at fires.

Article 17. Will the town take any action in regard to the care of parks, squares and triangles and make any appropriation for the same.

Voted, that the Tree Warden have charge of the appropriation for this purpose.

Article 18. Will the town make an appropriation for the James Library in return for the free privilege of taking books which the townspeople now have.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 19. Will the town act in conjunction with the town of Hanover, to have an electric light at the terminus of River Street, Norwell, and Broadway, Hanover, at the Third Herring Brook and at Assinippi.

Voted, that the town act with the town of Hanover in maintaining lights at the above location.

Article 20. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$522.32 for the suppression of Gypsy and Browntail Moths.

This amount was appropriated under Article 4.

Article 21. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 22. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of fighting fires.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 23. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the spraying of the elm trees along the highways.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 24. What sum of money will the town appropriate for electric lights.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 25. Will the town vote to make the moth tax general.

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 26. Will the town appropriate a sum not exceeding \$10,000 to be expended upon new construction of highway, provided that at least \$2,500 be contributed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and provided that the construction of said highways be done by contract and under such supervision as may be determined at this meeting and further authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow said sum of \$10,000 and

issue therefor the notes or bonds of the town, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding  $4\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., payable semi-annually, and principal payable in five equal annual payments of \$2,000 each, for the purpose above set forth.

It was voted to appropriate the sum of (\$5,000.00) five thousand dollars, to be expended upon the construction of highway on River Street, beginning at the Hanover town line and running north, providing that a contribution be made by the Massachusetts Highway Commission and that the construction of said highway be done by contract and under the supervision of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

And it was further voted, by a majority vote, 71 in favor, 16 against, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow the sum of (\$5,000.00) five thousand dollars and issue therefor notes or bonds of the town bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent., payable semi-annually and principal payable in five equal annual payments of (\$1,000) one thousand dollars each for the purpose above set forth.

Article 27. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to repair the road and railing on Pond Street.

Voted, to leave this matter in the hands of the highway Surveyor.

Article 28. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125 to be expended in conjunction with the towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield towards erection of a watch tower on Prospect Hill.

Voted, that the Selectmen may use \$125 from the appropriation for fires if it is required.

Article 29. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for painting schoolhouses Nos. 1 and 7.

Voted, to appropriate the above mentioned amount for this purpose.

Article 30. Will the town instruct the electric light committee to place an electric light on Washington Street, between Charles Brewsters' and the Accord Post Office.

Voted, to refer to the selectmen.

Article 31. Will the town instruct all town officers and committees when proposals are advertised, to be publicly opened and all bids be published in the town report and the names of the successful bidders.

Voted, that all town officers and committees be instructed that when proposals are advertised, that they shall be opened publicly, and that all bids and the names of the bidders be published in the town report.

Article 32. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of leveling the stones and grading with gravel the town landing on Bridge Street.

Voted, to authorize the selectmen to spend \$25 on the town landing if it seems necessary.

Article 33. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to repair the railing on River Street near the residence of Mr. Walter Barnard and on Tiffany Road.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 34. Will the town instruct its selectmen to change the name of River Street to Stetson Road or Cornet Stetson Road.

It was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to confer with the representatives of the Stetson Kindred in regard to naming some street in Norwell after Cornet Robert Stetson and that they report at some future meeting:—Committee, Horace T. Fogg, Lothrop E. Fessenden, Joseph F. Merritt, Herbert E. Robbins, and George C. Turner.

Article 35. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to gravel and tar Summer Street from the residence of Lincoln Ellms to the Scituate town line.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 36. Will the town cause the railing placed last year on Meeting House Hill to be painted two coats.

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to paint railing and charge to incidental account.

Article 37. Will the town bond its officers.

Voted, that town officers be bonded by the town.

Article 38. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars for the maintenance of a free bed in the South Shore Hospital.

Voted, to pass over.

Article 39. Or act or do anything relative to the same.

Voted, that salary of officers be as follows:

Treasurer, \$225.

Tax Collector, \$225.

Auditor, \$50.

Secretary of School Committee, \$50.

Other members of Committee, \$25 each.

Moderator, for services this day, \$10.

Voted, that Selectmen act as Fence Viewers.

Voted, that Constables serve as Field Drivers.

Voted, that W. W. Farrar, Frank W. Jones and Arthur T. Stoddard serve as cemetery committee.

The Fish Rights on being put up at auction were sold to Edwin Everett Jacobs and James H. Leavitt for 25c and 50c respectively, they being the highest bidders.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest :

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.

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## STATE ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 1916

Pursuant to a warrant duly executed, the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell, qualified to vote in elections, met at the Town Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1916, at 6 A. M. Frank W. Jones, chairman of the board of selectmen, acted as presiding election officer. The election officers on duty were Edward M. Sexton, Lothrop E. Fessenden, Carlton O. Litchfield, Amos H. Tilden and Charles Scully.



The polls were opened at 6 A. M. and were closed at 12.16 P. M. 312 ballots were cast. The ballots were canvassed and counted in open meeting and the result declared as follows:

### ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Benson and Kirkpatrick, Socialist	1
Hanley and Landridth, Prohibition	1
Hughes and Fairbanks, Republican	179
Reimer and Harrison, Socialist Labor	0
Wilson and Marshall, Democratic	107
Blanks	24

### GOVERNOR

James Hayes, Socialist Labor	4
Chester R. Lawrence, Prohibition	5
Samuel W. McCall, Republican	203
Frederick W. Mansfield, Democratic	74
Dan A. White, Socialist	0
Blanks	26

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Calvin Coolidge, Republican	209
Alfred H. Evans, Prohibition	3
Sylvester J. McBride, Socialist	0
Thomas J. Maher, Socialist Labor	0
Thomas P. Riley, Democratic	53
Blanks	47

## SECRETARY

Thomas F. Brennan, Socialist Labor	1
Leon R. Eyges, Democratic	51
Louise Adams Grout, Socialist	0
Albert P. Langtry, Republican	206
Blanks	54

## TREASURER

Charles L. Burrill, Republican	208
Frederick E. Oelcher, Socialist Labor	0
Elam K. Sheldon, Socialist	0
Henry N. Teague, Democratic	52
Blanks	52

## AUDITOR

Joseph Bearak, Socialist	1
Frank Bohmbach, Socialist Labor	0
Alonzo B. Cook, Republican	205
John B. N. Souilliere, Democratic	51
Blanks	55

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry C. Attwill, Republican	203
Joseph Joyce Donahue, Democratic	50
Joseph Jiskra, Socialist Labor	0
John Weaver Sherman, Socialist	1
Blanks	53

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Fitzgerald, Democratic	71
Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican	199
William N. McDonald, Socialist	2
Blanks	40

## CONGRESSMAN—Sixteenth District

Ralph W. Crosby, Democratic	59
Joseph Walsh, Republican	199
Blanks	54

## COUNCILLOR—First District

Joseph M. Coldwell, Socialist	4
David L. Parker, Republican	203
Blanks	105

## SENATOR—Norfolk and Plymouth District

Alonzo P. Henderson, Prohibition	4
George E. Mansfield, Democratic	51
Kenneth L. Nash, Republican	136
William O. Souther, Jr., Republican Independent	
Nom. Paper,	92
Blanks	29

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—Second  
Plymouth District

Walter Haynes, Republican	174
Joseph J. Shepherd, Republican Citizens	Nom.
Paper	86
Blanks	52

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Plymouth County

Charles S. Beal, Republican	196
Edward P. Boynton, Democratic	80
Mathew J. Teehan, Socialist	0
Blanks	36

## ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS—Plymouth County

Albert Oddie, Socialist	15
William L. Sprague, Republican	214
Frank D. Watton, Socialist	13
L. Frank Hammond, of Norwell	2
John H. Sparrell, of Norwell	1
Blanks	379

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY—Southeastern District

Chester W. Ford, Democratic	58
Frederick G. Katzmman, Republican	201
Robert A. Nutting, Socialist	0
Blanks	53

## CLERK OF COURTS—Plymouth County

Abraham Bloom, Socialist	3
Edward E. Hobart, Republican	203
Blanks	106

## REGISTER OF DEEDS—Plymouth County

Charles J. Brandt, Socialist	3
John B. Washburn, Republican	203
Blanks	106

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth?

Yes	82
No	81
Blanks	149

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to make the first day of January, known as New Year's Day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?

Yes	128
No	58
Blanks	126

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party" be approved and become law?

Yes	102
No	61
Blanks	149

Shall the Representative or Representatives from this district be instructed to support the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, providing for some form of the initiative and referendum which shall give to the voters the power to accept or reject statutes

and constitutional amendments proposed to the Legislature by petition of a substantial number of citizens but rejected by it, and also the power, upon such petition, to reject measures passed by the Legislature?

Yes	113
No	36
Blanks	163

Meeting dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk.

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#### TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION

At the meetings of the qualified voters of Representative District No. 2 in the County of Plymouth, held on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, for the choice of a Representative to the General Court, Walter Haynes of Scituate was elected to said office.

Dated at Marshfield, November 17, 1916.

HERBERT I. MACOMBER

Town Clerk of Marshfield.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk of Norwell.

WILLIAM A. KEY,

Town Clerk of Pembroke.

GEORGE H. STEARNS,

Town Clerk of Duxbury.

JETSON WADE,

Town Clerk of Scituate.



The vote was:

	Haynes	Shepherd	Blanks	Total
Marshfield	165	119	36	320
Norwell	174	86	52	312
Duxbury	126	170	78	374
Scituate	447	90	69	606
Pembroke	44	146	22	212

Whole number of ballots, 1,824

Walter Haynes, 956

Joseph J. Shepherd, 611

Blanks, 257

## ENROLLED MILITIA

There were 209 men enrolled for military duty April 1, 1916.

## HUNTERS' LICENSES

There were 49 resident Hunters' Licenses issued during the year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

## DOGS LICENSED

For the year ending December 1, 1916.

Whole number of licenses, 125

116 males at \$2.00

\$232 00

9 females at \$5.00	45 00
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	\$277 00
Less clerk's fees, 125 licenses at 20c 25 00	
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Amount turned over to County Treasurer	\$252 00

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### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1916

- February 1. Married in Rockland, George Henry Turner and Dama Ella Stockbridge, both of Norwell, by Rev. John C. Prince.
- February 19. Married in Rockland, Kenneth C. Everett of Norwell and Christine Zeolie of Weymouth, by Rev. John C. Prince.
- February 24. Married in Norwell, Roy Ellsworth Spear of Hanover and Mary Emerson Cushman of Scituate, by Rev. James Nobbs.
- February 27. Married in Rockland, Terence Virgil Smith of Virginia, and Bessie Garrison Blanchard of Norwell, by Rev. C. A. Burgess.
- April 17. Married in Bellows Falls, Vt., Frederick Leroy Moore of Waverly and Gertrude Grace Von Iderstein of Norwell, by Rev. J. Wallace Chesboro.
- June 15. Married in Cohasset, Samuel Turner of Norwell and Ethel Coleman Young of Scituate, by Rev. Howard Key Bartow.

June 18. Married in Boston, Bernard Matthew Scully of Norwell and Ethel Herrick Dunbar of Stoneham, by Rev. William E. Conroy.

June 24. Married in Rockland, John J. McCarthy of Rockland and Doris Rayland Ainslie of Norwell, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.

July 15. Married in Hanover, Frederick Warren Gurney of Rockland and Edith Annette Andrews of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

July 30. Married in Norwell, Will Calvin Harvey of Bethel, Vermont and Amy Wilder Curtis of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

August 7. Married in Marshfield, Herbert E. Young of Norwell and Stella B. Howard of Pembroke, by Rev. Paul Judson Morris.

August 30. Married in Scituate, Seth Thomas of Norwell and Irene Annola of Troy, N. H., by Rev. Thomas H. Goodwin.

September 12. Married in Scituate, Howard Appleton Delano and Lillian Perry Joseph, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas H. Goodwin.

September 16. Married in Rockland, Asa Sherman Fletcher of Rockland and Sarah Josephine Farrar of Norwell, by Rev. John C. Prince.

September 17. Married in Norwell, Antonio Credo and Esmeralda Cluny, both of Norwell, by Rev. Marcus H. Carroll.

September 25. Married in Rockland, Ephriam Lincoln Wood and Adeline Holden, both of Norwell, by Rev. C. A. Burgess.

- October 4. Married in Hanover, Robert C. Henderson of Norwell and Mildred Folsom of Hanover, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- October 25. Married in Norwell, John Thomas Osborn and Ina Carver Joseph, both of Norwell, by Rev. Edward L. Houghton.
- October 26. Married in Weymouth, Ernest L. Keene of Norwell and Mary Josephine C. McWilliams of Weymouth, by Rev. C. I. Riordan.
- October 28. Married in Cohasset, Herbert Warren Apps and Doris Alberta Litchfield, both of Norwell by Rev. Linneus M. Bosworth.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1916

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DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
January 8 .....	Gordon DeMoss Robbins.....	Herbert E. and Emma .....	Eddy
January 12.....	Stella Gotreau .....	Clement and Rosetta M. ....	Keene
January 28.....	Helen Catherine White .....	Timothy M. and Gertrude .....	Williams
February 2.....	Alfred Shechan .....	Patrick and Ella W. ....	Pratt
March 2.....	Thelma Aletina Vining .....	Warren D. and Ethel L. ....	Joseph
March 11.....	Franklin MacLean Robinson .....	Willard A. and Catherine .....	MacLean
March 12.....	Lloyd Randall Farrar .....	George R. and Minnie C. ....	Fitts
March 12.....	Laura Gardner Farrar .....	George R. and Minnie C. ....	Pitts
March 12.....	Ralph Gordon Lincoln .....	Arthur and Ida C. ....	Holbrook
April 13.....	Gleason Leonard Archer, Jr. ....	Gleason L. and Elizabeth G. ....	Snyder
May 22.....	Carrie Cordelia Spiller .....	Elwin A. and Ida M. ....	Arnold
July 26.....	Everett Stewart Stoddard .....	Ernest H. and Ella .....	Harris
August 3.....	Rose Elizabeth Everett .....	Kenneth C. and Christine M. ....	Coolie
August 12.....	Andrew Myles Grant .....	Andrew and Isabella .....	Phillips
August 19.....	Joseph Tolman, Jr. ....	Joseph and Bertha .....	Marks
October 13.....	Ruth J. Kawano .....	Kanzira and Mabel E. ....	Gray
October 27.....	Byram Franklin Howard .....	Herbert F. and Annie E. ....	Lowe
November 19.....	Barbara Eliza Smith .....	Charles W. and Josephine .....	Bieme
December 12.....	Elizabeth Rosella Lincoln .....	Lynnan W. and Carrie L. ....	Bates
December 13.....	Marian Ellsworth Appleford .....	Arthur E. and Jennie E. ....	Ewell

Blanks for returning births may be obtained of the Town Clerk.

## DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1916

DATE	NAME	AGE Y. M. D.	CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	PLACE OF DEATH
1915					
Oct. 12 . . .	Salome A. Turner (Litchfield) . .	81 10 9	Bronchial pneumonia, weak heart	Seituate	Norwell
1916					
Jan. 6 . . .	James W. Studley . . . . .	81 4 15	Mitral regurgitation . . . . .	Massachusetts	Norwell
Jan. 16 . . .	Alpheus Lewis . . . . .	67 9 27	Cerebral hemorrhage . . . . .	Massachusetts	Norwell
Jan. 20 . . .	George H. Bates . . . . .	84 5 26	Cerebral hemorrhage . . . . .	Massachusetts	Norwell
Jan. 22 . . .	Edward Peter Ainslie . . . . .	74 8 24	Lobar pneumonia . . . . .	Halifax, N. S.	Norwell
Jan. 24 . . .	LeRoy Earl Hammond . . . . .	14 8 21	Rheumatic fever, lobar pneumonia . . . . .	Indiana	Norwell
Jan. 27 . . .	Mahala D. Richardson (Brown) . .	71 5 24	Bronchial pneumonia . . . . .	Seituate	Norwell
Feb. 2 . . . .	Oretta M. Drake (Williams) . . .	65 8 23	Diabetes and resulting debility, bronchitis . . . . .	Maine	Norwell
Feb. 22 . . .	Martha J. Presby (Litchfield) . .	80 4 10	Cerebral hemorrhage . . . . .	Seituate	Norwell
Mar. 10 . . . .	Walter L. Boynton . . . . .	75 4 19	Arterio Sclerosis . . . . .	Maine	Norwell
Mar. 20 . . . .	Henry H. Gardner . . . . .	57 6 18	Pneumonia . . . . .	So. Seituate	Norwell
April 10 . . . .	William J. Drew . . . . .	42 6 11	Chronic valvular heart disease, erysipelas . . . . .	Melrose	Norwell
April 18 . . .	James L. Litchfield . . . . .	79 8 14	Chronic nephritis, cystitis . . . .	Seituate	Norwell
May 10 . . . .	Stillborn . . . . .	.. ..			
June 4 . . . .	Caroline A. Brown . . . . .	75 2 26	Suicide by drowning . . . . .	Rhode Island	Norwell
June 23 . . . .	Eliza J. Enolds (Sylvester) . . .	76 1 5	Endocarditis . . . . .	Seituate	Norwell



# DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1916—Continued

DATE	NAME	AGE Y. M. D.	CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	PLACE OF DEATH
June 7.....	Mabel R. Hatch .....	46 9 ..	Carcinoma cervixuteri .....	So. Scituate	Westboro
July 1.....	Charles Copeland Pratt .....	77 5 7	Chronic endocarditis .....	Scituate	Newton
Sept. 11.....	Edward B. Walter .....	50 2 ..	Suicide by shooting .....	Australia	Norwell
Oct. 17.....	Ella S. Merritt (Northey) .....	63 3 ..	Chronic heart disease, epileptic convulsions .....	Scituate	Norwell
Nov. 14.....	Edwin W. French .....	89 10 ..	Intestinal obstruction .....	Hingham	Norwell
Nov. 18.....	Sarah E. P. Howland (Prouty)...	60 8 14	Intestinal stasis following re- moval of gall bladder ....	Hingham	Cambridge
Nov. 17.....	Maria W. Garfield (Turner) ....	79 .. ..	Cerebral hemorrhage .....	Scituate	Belmont
Dec. 13.....	Charles A. Litchfield .....	83 6 ..	Natural causes .....	Scituate	Norwell
Dec. 25.....	Clarence C Hook .....	47 2 7	Cerebral hemorrhage, valvular disease of heart .....	Mathe	Norwell

# BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 1916

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE Y. M. D.	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
1915				
Dec. 9 .....	James W. Warner .....	95 4 24	Arterio Sclerosis .....	Hanover
1916				
Jan. 17 .....	Chester Merton Allen Thompson	25 10 ..	Tuberculosis of spine .....	Hanover
Feb. 7 .....	Arthur S. Kimball .....	44 6 15	Tuberculosis .....	Newton
July 29 .....	Jonathan Hatch .....	71 8 3	Acute indigestion .....	Scituate
Sept. 20	Sven Swenson .....	49 5 27	Pericarditis .....	Scituate

Number of births, 20;

Number of marriages, 20;

Number of deaths, 25.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk.

# Report of the Town Treasurer

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For the year ending December 31, 1916

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## RECEIPTS

To cash on hand January 1, 1916.

General Funds	\$6,405 59
High School Fund	233 46
Sawyer Lot Income	13 02

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\$6,652 07

From William H. Spencer, Collector of Taxes.

Assessment of 1914, including interest and abatements \$302 33

Assessment of 1915, including interest and abatements 7,824 20

Assessment of 1916, including interest and abatements 20,709 89

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\$28,836 42

Bay State Street Railway, Excise Tax \$406 08

## Loans and Interest:

Loans in anticipation of revenue, 1916		
Rockland Trust Company, Notes		
No. 26, No. 27, No. 29, No. 30,		
\$5,000 each		\$20,000 00
Loans for Construction of River		
Street, Rockland Trust Company		
Notes No. 31, No. 32, No. 33,		
No. 34, \$1,000 each		\$4,000 00
Premium on River Street Notes	\$7 00	
Interest on deposit at Rockland		
Trust Company	\$187 20	
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		\$194 20

## For School purposes only-

Income of Mass. School fund	\$903 28	
High School fund	500 00	
Tuition of State children	542 50	
Superintendent of Schools	416 66	
County of Plymouth, Dog Tax	218 33	
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		\$2,580 77

## From State Treasurer:

Public Service Corporation Tax	\$536 21	
Inspection of Animals	23 00	
National Bank Tax	1,061 96	
Street Railway Tax	285 33	
State Aid refunded	2,006 00	
Soldiers' Exemption	162 62	
Highway Construction, Special	2,860 00	
Income Sawyer Lot fund	8 00	
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		\$6,943 12

## Aid Refunded:

Town of Scituate	\$202 45
Town of Hull	40 50
City of Salem	4 00
Est. Abigail Wilder	207 18

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\$454 13

## Licenses:

Samuel Olson, Pedler's license	\$6 00
Eugene B. Tobey, Pedler's license	6 00
Charles L. Gleason, Pedler's license	6 00
Corthell Brothers, Slaughtering license	1 00
J. Warren Foster, Slaughtering license	1 00
Wallace H. Damon, Slaughtering license	1 00
Herbert Simmons, Slaughtering license	1 00
Edward M. Sexton, Milk license	50
Arthur Stoddard, Milk license	50

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\$23 00

## From Miscellaneous Sources:

Second Dist. Court, Winslow	
Children Probation	\$40 00
Superintendent of Almshouse	35 55
Town Scale receipts	13 08
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10 19
Union Bridge Junk sold	17 75

Carleton O. Litchfield, refund of

overpayment, Snow Acct.	3 75
Mrs. J. F. Wilder, telephone	4 20
Fines, 2nd District Court	5 20

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\$129 72

Sale of Lots in Cemetery:

Ed. Hammond, Lot 15, Sec. E	\$10 00
Asa L. Vining, $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 24, Sec. A	6 00
George H. Wilder, $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 24, Sec. A	6 00
Swen Swenson, Lot 20, Sec. C	12 00

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\$34 00

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\$70,253 51

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EXPENDITURES

Highways:

General Pay Roll	\$3,345 19
Special	
Main Street	\$5,997 31
River Street	3,887 34
High Street	535 84
Summer Street	241 50
'Snow Pay Roll	1,426 86

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\$15,434 04

## Support of Poor:

Almshouse	\$1,660 24
Outside Poor	1,415 82
Other Towns	181 21

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\$3,257 27

State Aid	\$1,873 00
Soldiers' Relief	193 00

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\$2,066 00

School Account	\$9,732 32
High School Fund	717 88

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\$10,450 20

Town Officers	\$1,861 52
Police Officers, Order of Second District Court	204 54

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\$2,066 06

Gipsy Moth Account	\$1,341 59
Incidentals	845 16

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\$2,186 75

## Taxes:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$2,480 00
County of Plymouth	1,756 55

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\$4,236 55



## Sundry Accounts:

Abatement of Taxes	\$737 61
Board of Health	346 32
Electric Lights	317 44
Tree Warden	8 84
James Library	100 00
Town Hall	41 33
Post No. 112, G. A. R.	150 00
Cemetery	60 25
Markers and Tablets	130 50
Fire Account	111 38
Fire Tower	125 00
Parks, Squares and Triangles	67 85
Mowing Bushes	105 75
Sawyer Lot care	13 00
Painting, School appropriation	256 12

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\$2,571 39

## Loans and Interest Paid:

South Scituate Savings Bank, Note	
No. 24	\$5,000 00
Interest on same	110 37
South Scituate Savings Bank, Note	
No. 25	2,500 00
Interest on same	58 34
Highway Bond No. 1	2,000 00
Interest on Highway Bonds	400 00
Rockland Trust Company, Note	
No. 26, Note No. 27, \$5,000	
each	10,000 00

Interest on Notes No. 26, No. 27	
No. 29, No. 30	507 22
Trustees Otis and Coffin Funds,	
Note No. 19	800 00
Interest on Otis and Coffin Fund	
Notes	96 00
Bureau of Statistics, Certifying Notes	16 00
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	\$21,487 93

Cash on hand to balance:

General Funds (including High-	
way Special)	\$6,473 72
High School Fund	15 58
Sawyer Lot Income	8 02
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	\$6,497 32
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	\$70,253 51

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. ROBBINS,  
Treasurer.

# Report of Tax Collector

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## ASSESSMENT OF 1914

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1915	\$273 07	
Interest Collected	29 26	
	<hr/>	\$302 33

Abatements	\$4 41	
Paid Treasurer	297 92	
	<hr/>	\$302 33

## ASSESSMENT OF 1915

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1915	\$9,539 22	
Interest Collected	200 15	
	<hr/>	\$9,739 37

Abatements on December assessment	\$583 72	
Other Abatements	97 57	
Paid Treasurer	8,116 80	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1916	941 28	
	<hr/>	\$9,739 37

## ASSESSMENT OF 1916

Tax Levy	\$27,558 40	
Moth Tax	108 99	
December Assessment	196 00	
Interest Collected	17 28	
	<hr/>	\$27,880 67
Abatements	\$47 59	
Paid Treasurer	20,662 30	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1916	7,170 78	
	<hr/>	\$27,880 67

WILLIAM H SPENCER,

Collector of Taxes.

## Report of Overseers of the Poor

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### ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT—Dr.

John F. Wilder, superintendent	\$300 00
John F. Wilder, materials for repairs	4 25
M. E. Curtis, supplies	87 83
Joseph F. Totman, supplies	199 92
C. S. West & Son, supplies	258 02
Herbert S. Turner, supplies	127 28
W. W. Cutler, meat	56 46
J. Warren Foster, meat	75 87
Corthell Bros, meat	116 48
Samuel Olson, fish	34 89
John Martin, ice	13 04
Electric Light & Power Co., lights	24 30
George F. Welch & Co., fuel and materials	174 63
E. B. Tobey, supplies	14 05
C. W. Tilden, smith work	15 65
C. C. Jordan, disinfectant	9 50
W. P. Crovestein, M. D., medical attendance	6 00
H. S. Cleverly, M. D., medical attendance	9 50
C. E. Knight, M. D., medical attendance	2 00
W. T. Osborn, plowing	5 00
I. Austin Lincoln, fertilizer	6 00

L. F. Hammond, pigs	10 00	
Herbert E. Robbins, insurance	48 00	
J. C. Otis, service	3 00	
F. T. Bailey & Co., labor	8 40	
E. G. Bates, harness	20 00	
J. F. Merritt, wood	4 00	
W. D. Turner, wood	26 17	
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		\$1,660 24

## ALMSHOUSE—Cr.

Received from sale of supplies, less cash paid out by superintendent (\$66.01)	\$35 55	
Due from Town of Scituate for board and supplies for inmates	\$198 95	
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		\$234 50
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		\$1,425 74
Appropriation		\$1,400 00
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Exceeded		\$25 74

## PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE POOR—HOME

Charity Thompson, board	\$120 00
City of Brockton, board	240 42
C. W. Grose, rent	96 00
E. H. Sparrell, burial	8 00
John H. Sparrell, auto service	3 00
Town of Hingham, burial	20 00

John S. Brooks Co.	90 99
Children's Hospital	8 00
M. E. Curtis Co., supplies	4 38
South Scituate Savings Bank, mortgage	1 50
Benjamin Loring, wood	1 75
Richardson Bros., wood	6 50
C. L. Howes, M. D., medical attendance	24 00
John Whalen, wood	6 00
F. W. Jones, wood	5 50
Town of Scituate, supplies	136 00
Harry T. Handy, M. D., medical attendance	187 50
W. D. Turner, wood	6 00
Joseph Briggs, labor	2 00
C. E. Knight, M. D., medical attendance	19 50
H. S. Turner Co., supplies	172 48
Town of Weymouth, aid	59 00
Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	5 00
C. S. West & Son, supplies	102 00
Albion Damon, labor	7 00
H. T. Cleverly, M. D., medical attendance	6 50
Hingham Mutual Fire Ins. Co., policy	7 80

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\$1,346 82

#### OTHER TOWNS

Elizabeth M. Kenney	9 50
E. H. Sparrell, burial	25 00
F. D. Lyons, M. D., medical attendance	18 00



Children's Hospital	83 00	
M. S. Curtis Co., supplies	46 07	
Corthell Bros., meat	28 14	
W. P. Grovestein, M. D., medical attendance	40 50	
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		\$250 21
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		\$1,597 03
Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Refunded	40 00	
Due from other towns	250 21	
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		\$1,790 21
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Balance		\$193 18

## STATE AID

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Amount to be refunded by state	1,873 00	
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Balance		\$127 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

C. L. Howes, M. D.	\$56 50
Elizabeth C. Creed, rent	52 00
John H. Prouty,	40 00
City of Somerville	24 00

A. L. McMillan, M. D.	16 00
Charles Hammond, M. D.	4 50

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	\$193 00
Appropriation	400 00

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Balance	\$207 00
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FRANK W. JONES,  
EDWARD M. SEXTON,  
LOTHROP E. FESSENDEN,

Overseers of the Poor.

## Highway Account—1916

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L. F. Hammond, 95 days, \$3	\$285 00
Man and team, 61 days, \$5	305 00
.....Two horses, 23 days, \$3	69 00
To Cash paid	1 00
One horse, 12 days, \$1.50	18 00
Telephone bill	7 20
Joseph Breck & Son, tools	15 39
New England Ins. Co.	17 50
Samuel Church, gravel	3 40
Charles Johnson, gravel	7 30
Joseph Briggs, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Hingham Water Co., pipe	24 00
Walter T. Osborn and team, 41 days,	
\$5	205 00
Walter T. Osborn, freight	13 55
David Bates, 8 days, \$2	16 00
George Davis, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Benjamin Loring and team, 16 days, \$5	80 00
Benjamin Loring, gravel	3 25
Walter Jacobs, 3 days, \$2	6 00
W. D. Turner and team, 2 days, \$5	10 00
R. W. Norris, sweeping street	5 50
Fred Wheelwright, 5 days, \$2	10 00
Claud Ainslie, 2½ days, \$2	5 00
F. E. Henderson and team, 6 days, \$5	30 00

F. E. Henderson, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Sherwood Ainslie, 2 days, \$2	4 00
Frank Dyer, 5 days \$2	10 00
Arthur Henderson and team, 2 days, \$5	10 00
Henry Leavitt, 4 days, \$2	8 00
Henry Leavitt, gravel	11 50
Harry T. Fogg, insurance	76 29
William Gardner, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Edgar E. Lee, 2 days, 4 hours, \$2	5 00
Mrs. Nettie Simmons, sand	5 60
Fred Erickson, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Herbert Sprague, 4 hours, \$2	1 00
Robert MacDonald, labor, road mac.	7 75
Albion Snowdale, 1 day, 4 hours, \$2	3 00
William Leggett, gravel	2 00
Standard, Oil Co.	73 19
Barrett Co., tarvia B.	617 04
Clifford Brett and team, 13 days, 4 hours, \$5	67 50
John Collamore and team, 12 days, 4 hours, \$5	62 50
Alonzo Allen, 13 days, 4 hours, \$2	27 00
Edwin A. Damon, 38 days, 2 hours, \$2	76 50
Ansel Phillips, 47 days, \$2	94 00
Fred Cromwell, 30 days, \$2	60 00
Marshall Griffin, 30 days, 2 hours, \$2	60 50
J. Alden Damon, 9 days, 4 hours, \$2	19 00
E. G. Bates and team, 20 days, \$5	100 00
E. G. Bates, gravel	4 35
John White, 2 days, \$2	4 00
John Osborne and team, 3 days, \$5	15 00
Thomas Campbell, 19 days, \$2	38 00
John Whalen and team, 9 days, \$5	45 00

John Whalen, gravel	4 80
E. P. Joseph, team and men	207 00
John Henderson, gravel and sand	4 00
W. T. Sham, gravel	5 00
William O. Clapp, gravel	2 00
Attwood Ainslie, 13 days, \$2	26 00
Richard Todd, 8 days, 4 hours, \$2	17 00
Herbert Fairbanks and team, 11 days, \$3.50	38 50
Emma H. Bates, gravel	6 30
Edwin B. Torrey, gravel	30
George Welch Co., drain pipe	9 18
John Leslie, gravel	1 40
John Leslie, 3 days, \$2	6 00
Fred Olson, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Levi Olson, 3 days, \$2	6 00
Otto Olson, 2 days, \$2	4 00
John Cash, gravel	2 40
Otto Burhoff, 6 days, \$2	12 00
Caleb Litchfield, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Charles E. Brewster and team, 5 days, \$5	25 00
Benjamin F. Burns, 4 days, \$2	8 00
John W. Burns and team 6 days, 4 hours, \$5	19 00
John W. Burns, 137 loads gravel	13 70
Mrs. A. N. Burns, gravel	9 70
Everett Osborn, 17 days, 6 hours, \$2	35 50
Frank Litchfield, freight bill	8 80
William Maynard, 3 days, 4 hours, \$2	17 00
Timothy Shehan, team and man	52 75
Arthur Stoddard and team, 7 days, 4 hours, 3.50	26 25

Joseph D. Stoddard, 6 days, 4 hours, \$2	13 00	
George White, 7 days, 4 hours, \$2	15 00	
Phillips, Bates & Co., lumber	10 50	
Charles V. Chapman, 10 days, 4		
hours, \$2	21 00	
Charles Jones, 6 days, 4 hours, \$2	13 00	
Clarence Lyons, 1 day, \$2	2 00	
James Dolan, 18 days, \$2	36 00	
W. R. Durkee, 6 hours, \$2	1 50	
S. W. Lincoln, gravel	41 80	
Daniel E. Hill, 7 days, \$2	14 00	
		\$3,394 19
Barrett Manfg. Co., tarvia	435 84	
		\$3,345 19
Appropriation		\$3,000 00
Exceeded		\$345 19

L. F. HAMMOND,

Surveyor of Highways.

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SPECIAL HIGHWAY WORK—MAIN STREET

William F. Loud & Sons	\$5,879 31
W. E. Burdett, weigher	114 50

Henry Godbeer, bounds	3 50
Paid on Main Street work in 1915	5,848 73
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	\$11,846 04

Due W. F. Loud & Sons, Jan. 1,	
1917	1,495 21
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Total cost of Main street,	\$13,341 25
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## HIGH STREET

Samuel H. Litchfield, gravel	\$100 00
Barrett M anfg. Co., tarvia	435 84
Paid on High street, 1915	2,413 13
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Total cost of High street	\$2,948 97
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## SUMMER STREET

Standard Oil Co., oil	\$241 50
Paid on Summer Street, 1915	2,520 83
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Total cost of Summer street	\$2,762 33
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## RIVER STREET

E. J. Rourke, paid on contract	\$3.829 84
W. E. Burdett, weigher	57 50
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\$3,887 34



## Snow Account

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Arthur Damon	\$9 60
Russell Olson	4 20
Arthur J. Turner	10 05
Samuel Turner	5 40
Perry Osborne	1 50
Alfred H. Jacobs	9 00
Ansel Phillips	5 70
W. C. Soule	6 45
C. E. Brewster	28 20
George Wagner	2 20
Caleb Litchfield	4 25
Harry Brown	4 25
William Brown	2 55
W. Scott Osborne	2 10
E. P. Joseph	2 30
Frank Osborne	1 80
Robert Ripley	3 00
Fred Cromwell	1 00
C. W. Ainslie	90
W. T. Osborne	136 25
Walter S. Briggs	5 63
Lyman Lincoln	50 65
Joseph Briggs	49 28
Clifford Brett	75 00
Benjamin Loring	88 00

Ralph Sprague	7 00
Herbert Sprague	5 50
E. A. Damon	19 75
E. C. Damon	16 15
Richardson Bros.	98 75
Marshall Griffin	1 50
Edward Loring	5 60
Fred Wheelwright	9 15
C. O. Litchfield	7 50
Harold Griffin	1 50
William Jacobs	10 50
Guy Merritt	3 40
W. E. Sexton	1 00
Lawrence Osborne	8 00
E. A. Jacobs	42 63
Timothy Sheehan	25 95
Eugene Sheehan	5 00
Floyd Osborne	6 00
Otto Olson	4 35
Levi Olson	3 00
J. Frank Turner	1 00
Harold Osborne	7 95
Arthur T. Stoddard	7 95
Joseph Stoddard	9 00
L. F. Hammond	68 70
A. J. Mitchell	9 00
Fred Olson	4 80
Alden E. Whiting	3 75
George E. White	8 10
Basil Simmons	2 75
Joseph H. Hatch	40 70
John Whalen	25 30
Harry Ainslie	4 60

Charles F. Studley	7 45
Edwin Bates	10 70
Eden Clark	9 15
W. E. Leslie	10 05
James Dolan	3 85
J. W. Hatch	18 25
H. J. Leavitt	2 00
Merrill Gridley	5 75
E. E. Jacobs	11 25
Archie Merritt	4 30
Arthur Merritt	6 65
John Robinson	4 85
Willard Robinson	3 25
John White	10 68
Ashley Jones	10 18
John Loring	3 95
Arthur Sprague	12 80
Alfred Bates	6 50
E F. Osborne	7 35
John T. Osborne	4 00
Emery Andrews	4 45
Edward Hammond	3 50
Robert Leavitt	6 50
Henry Leavitt	5 00
Richard McDonald	1 75
A. Black	1 20
C. V. Chapman	13 20
Asa Vining	3 75
Irving Wilder	5 25
Allen Brewster	3 50
Benjamin Everett	3 10
William Everett	3 30
Allen Jones	5 25

Allie Jones	7 80
Norman Wiggins	3 00
Chester Whiting	3 40
F. E. Henderson	58 25
Arthur Henderson	6 35
Alonzo H. Stoddard	11 55
Seth Thomas	8 10
Irving Henderson	3 10
Willis Keene	5 00
Henry Bates	1 00
John Leslie	2 20
Mannis Perry	90
Arthur Osborne	3 00
Daniel Brown	90
James Gammon	7 80
Charles Georgeatte	1 80
Herbert Ltichfield	1 80
George Chamberlain	10 20
Allen Mott	5 25
Charles Baker	5 40
William Loring	4 35
James L. Merritt	60
George A. Bates	30
Fred Gardner	1 20
Sherwood Ainslie	4 95
Daniel Barnes	2 40
L. Walter Jacobs	75
Bernard Schultz	2 70
Robert Montgomery	2 40

Alfred Molla	2 25	
John Martin	4 50	
W. A. Brown	1 20	
Laban Bates	1 80	
Daniel Hill	1 80	
Paul Briggs	1 80	
Percy Litchfield	1 80	
Claude Ainsiey	8 10	
John Signorelle	2 40	
Francis Leslie	3 00	
E. G. Bates	4 20	
Alvan Spencer	1 80	
Minot Williamson	2 40	
Lewis Ballard	2 70	
Robert W. McDonald	10 86	
Stanley Oakman	90	
Alonzo Allen	1 50	
George A. Davis	3 30	
George H. Turner	2 40	
W. T. Turner	2 70	
John A. Cash	1 20	
		\$1,426 86
Appropriation—Excise Tax		373 82
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Exceeded		\$1,053 04

## Town Officers Account

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E. E. Stetson, services, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor	\$24 00
Frank W. Jones, services, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	298 00
Edward M. Sexton, services, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	269 00
Lothrop E. Fessenden, services, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	233 00
Joseph F. Merritt, services town clerk	115 00
Joseph F. Merritt, services registrar of voters	32 50
Herbert E. Robbins, services treasurer	225 00
W. E. Sexton, services registrar of voters	25 00
Arthur T. Stoddard, services registrar of voters	25 00
Henry J. Tolman, services registrar of voters	25 00
William H. Spencer, services tax collector	200 00
Harry T. Fogg, services auditor	50 00
Walter T. Osborne, services constable	71 27
J. Warren Foster, services constable	66 00
L. F. Hammond, services constable	24 00

Jesse M. Winslow, services constable	6 50
John F. Wilder, services constable	6 00
Benjamin Loring, services school committee	25 00
Carrie M. Ford, services school com- mittee	50 00
Alvan G. Spencer, services sealer	42 25
John Whalen, services moderator	10 00
Amos H. Tilden, services teller	12 00
Carlton O. Litchfield, services teller	12 00
Charles Scully, services teller	12 00
Clifton S. Deane, services teller	3 00

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\$1,861 52

Appropriation

\$1,800 00

Exceeded

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\$61 52



## Incidental Account

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E. P. Joseph, labor, Union Bridge	\$10 75
J. Frank Turner, labor, hay scales	6 50
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies, sealer	4 17
J. F. Merritt, return of births	18 80
A. W. Babbitt, check register	2 75
E. H. Sparrell, return of deaths	3 50
J. H. Lehan, painting	1 75
Frederick C. Bailey, repairs on pump	3 30
A. H. Bartlett, supplies for clerk	1 35
Fessenden & Allen, railing	17 70
A. I. Randall, printing	5 00
J. C. Hall Co., printing	12 71
E. E. Stetson, telephone	60
Herbert E. Robbins, protectograph	30 00
Herbert E. Robbins, bond for treasurer	25 00
A. W. Brownell, blanks	2 50
J. L. Fairbanks, document boxes	3 00
M. E. Curtis Co., supplies	17 75
Carter Ink Co., ink	83
New England Telephone, tolls	21 57
Carrie M. Ford, printing	22 50
Rockland Standard, printing	181 65
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	16 09
W. D. Turner, auto service	18 50
Harry T. Fogg, insurance and bonds	153 20

Harry T. Fogg, notary public	3 00
A. S. Peterson, supplies	2 00
George F. Welch Co., supplies for hay scales	9 36
Town of Scituate, tax	6 48
Wakefield Daily Item, supplies	1 00
Norwell Post Office, stamps and en- velopes	54 96
H. D. Smith, repairs on watering trough	1 50
C. C. Hook, rent	12 00
Thorp & Martin, supplies	5 53
Harry Henderson, services Union Bridge	6 00
Irving Henderson, witness fees	1 75
C. W. Tilden, labor, hay scales	3 25
E. S. Thompson, printing	2 50
Walter T. Osborne, auto service and telephone calls	15 60
W. H. Spencer, repairs on pump	2 50
W. H. Spencer, taxes	8 10
Robert W. McDonald, repairs on pump	1 00
C. S. West & Son, supplies	12
Carl S. Burrell, auto service	12 00
L. E. Fessenden, cash paid	5 06
Wm. P. Grovenstein, M. D., return of births	50
C. H. Colgate, M. D., return of births	1 50
Charles Hammond, M. D., return of births	50
C. A. Dorr, M. D., return of births	50
George R. Davis, M. D., return of birth	25
C. E. Knight, M. D., return of birth	25
H. F. Cleverly, M. D., return of birth	25
Marion G. Spaulding, M. D., return of birth	25
Gilman Osgood, M. D., return of birth	25

Joseph Frame, M. D., return of births	50
E. M. Sexton, cash paid	2 75
F. W. Jones, auto service	79 50
F. W. Jones, expenses and telephones	10 98
J. H. Sparrell, auto service	12 00

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\$845 16

Appropriation

850 00

Balance

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\$4 84

## Miscellaneous

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### WASHINGTON STREET CEMETERY

F. S. Farrar, labor	\$28 75	
W. W. Farrar, labor	21 50	
L. F. Hammond, team	5 00	
E. A. Damon, labor	2 00	
W. E. Magoun, labor	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 25
Appropriation	\$75 00	
Received from sale of lots	34 00	
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Balance remaining		\$48 75

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### BOARD OF HEALTH

J. L. Wadsworth, services	\$30 07
John F. Wilder, services	22 50
Minot Williamson, services	38 00
J. Alden Damon, inspector	112 25
Amos H. Tilden, inspector	84 00

Alpheus Damon, inspector	15 00
Harry T. Handy, M. D., medical attendance	6 00
Carrie M. Ford, printing	35 25
J. H. Sparrell, auto service	3 50

	<u>\$346 57</u>
Appropriation	500 00
	<u>\$153 43</u>

Balance remaining

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Electric Light & Power Co., street lights	\$317 44
Appropriation	350 00
	<u>32 56</u>

Unexpended

#### JAMES LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Paid Mary L. Power, treasurer	\$100 00
Appropriation	\$100 00

#### TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

W. R. Durkee, janitor	\$25 00
E. C. Forsman, supplies	1 35

C. L. Rice & Son, lamps	14 28	
C. S. West & Son, oil	70	
	<hr/>	\$41 30
Appropriation		50 00
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Unexpended		\$8 70

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### MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT

Paid G. A. R. Post 112	\$150 00	
Appropriation		\$150 00

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### MARKERS FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' GRAVES

M. D. Jones Co., markers	\$130 50	
Appropriation	200 00	
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Balance		\$69 50

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### PAINTING SCHOOLHOUSES

W. C. Soule labor	\$72 53	
Phillips Bates Co., supplies	5 45	

C. F. Brown, labor and supplies	97 50	
Sears, Roebuck & Co., paint	80 64	
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		\$256 12
Appropriation		250 00
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Exceeded		\$6 12

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### PARKS, SQUARES AND TRIANGLES

Arthur Merritt, work on lawn mower	\$ 50	
F. M. Curtis, labor	3 50	
Henry Heredeen, labor	5 75	
Lyman Lincoln, labor	1 50	
Sam Turner, labor	75	
Thomas Andrews, labor	1 50	
Charles Bates, labor	2 00	
Irving Henderson, labor	2 00	
C. W. Lyons, labor	22 87	
Otto Olson, labor	2 00	
Levi Olson, labor	1 50	
Frank Baker, labor	14 00	
H. S. Turner, hoe and rake	85	
J. Everett Stoddard, labor	9 13	
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		\$67 85
Appropriation		100 00
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Balance		\$32 15



## TREE WARDEN

J. H. Sparrell, labor and cash paid	\$9 34	
Appropriation	50 00	
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Unexpended balance		\$40 66

## MOWING BUSHES

Frank Baker, labor	\$1 50	
Walter Briggs, labor	60 75	
Albert Merritt, labor	2 00	
Henry Heredeen, labor	10 00	
E. A. Damon, labor	18 00	
J. H. Sparrell, labor	13 50	
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Total		\$105 75
Appropriation		100 00
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Exceeded		\$5 75

## Twelfth Annual Moth Report for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916.

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J. H. Sparrell, labor and cash paid	\$250 43
F. M. Curtis, labor	206 63
William Sexton, labor	51 13
William Leslie, labor	40 50
Henry Heredeen, labor	35 63
Frank Baker, labor	24 50
Lyman Lincoln	43 87
Irving Henderson, labor	41 47
Howard Baker, labor	24 50
Alden Beach, labor	22 50
John Leslie, labor	25 75
J. M. Reed, labor	6 25
Otto Burhoff, labor	26 50
C. Kidder, labor	6 00
Charles Bates, labor	35 50
Merrill Gridley, labor	12 00
Charles Hunt, labor	22 25
E. A. Damon, labor	113 75
A. R. Damon, labor	59 75
John Leavitt, labor	17 00

Daniel Brown, labor	2 00
Samuel Olson, team	42 00
John Whalen, team	140 46
J. F. Merritt, team and gas	6 70
Mrs. J. A. Martin, board of machinist	2 00
J. F. Totman, auto to Greenbush	75
C. S. West & Co., supplies	5 09
Albert Merritt, damage to hay	5 00
H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	55 16
W. T. Osborn, freight and carting	14 02
Charles Church, setting tire	2 50

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Total expenditure

\$1,341 59

Town liability	\$522 32
Special work	473 12
Amount charged property owners	108 99
Amount due from state	237 16

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Total

\$1,341 59

JOHN H. SPARRELL,

Superintendent.

## Report of Forest Warden

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J. H. Sparrell,	\$16 89	
A. J. Turner, fire	1 50	
C. W. Tilden, fire	4 65	
Pine Street fire, May 9, 1915	20 00	
Valley Swamp fire	7 00	
Capt. Edward Dixon, fire	5 00	
John Whalen, fire warden	56 34	
State of Mass., Prospect Hill Fire Tower	125 00	
		<hr/> \$237 38
Appropriation		425 00
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Unexpended		\$187 62

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## FOREST WARDEN AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

J. H. Sparrell, forest warden, tel	7-12
John F. Wilder, deputy	19-2
John Whalen, deputy	27-3
H. D. Smith, deputy	13-2
F. E. Henderson, deputy	Han. 11-6
Melvin Little, deputy	Han. 27-2

Benjamin Loring, deputy	12-22
Carleton O. Litchfield, deputy	17-5
Edward W. Gardner, deputy	Rockland 71-33
Frank W. Jones, Deputy	41-2
Jesse Reed, deputy	11-24
E. A. Turner, deputy	Norwell Central

## LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

### *Central Street*

E. H. Sparrell,	W. H. Spencer
G. H. Turner	C. G. Ainslee
J. E. Leslie	J. Whalen
J. H. Hatch	E. E. Litchfield

L. A. Jenkins

### *Circuit Street*

R. Goosby

### *Elm Street*

W. C. Tolman,	C. H. Dyer	Sproul
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### *Grove Street*

George Osborn	H. A. Sprague
W. F. Woodman	M. Gotreau

### *High Street*

A. W. Thomas	C. W. Groce
G. E. Farrar	A. W. Robinson
T. Sheehan	

*Jacobs Avenue*

A. F. Jacobs

*Lincoln Street*

G. W. Richardson,

I. A. Lincoln,

L. W. Lincoln

*Main Street*

T. Williams

F. Thomas

W. D. Turner

(store) H. S. Turner

Merritt &amp; Sparrell (garage)

(store) Joseph Totman

Town Farm

Town Hall

A. L. Power

(mill) J. F. Merritt

C. S. West &amp; Son (store)

H. J. Corthell

F. W. Jones

J. Briggs

*Mt. Blue Street*

M. F. Williamson

C. O. Litchfield

C. A. Bates

E. G. Bates

B. I. Richardson

*Norwell Avenue*

Capt. Edward W. Dixon

*Pleasant Street*

E. A. Jacobs

J. C. Otis

W. S. Briggs

*Prospect Street*

J. Osborne

E. A. Damon

C. Brett

B. Loring

*River Street.*

M. Little (Store)

J. Tolman

A. Brainerd

H. D. Smith

F. Dyer

G. E. Torrey.

*Summer Street*

A. Litchfield

G. B. Ellms

*Tiffany Road.*

E. E. Stetson

F. E. Henderson

W. S. Simmons

C. E. Hunt

*Washington Street*

C. W. Thomas

J. H. Prouty

F. S. Farrar

E. W. Gardner

J. H. Curtis

H. S. Simmons

*Winter Street.*

A. H. Tilden

W. J. Wagner



## Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

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	Sealed.	Adjusted.	Condemned.
No. platform scales over 5000 pounds	1		
No. platform scales under 5000 pounds	8	2	
No. computing scales	3		1
All other scales	36		1
No. weights	102	9	
No. liquid measures	33		
No. linear measures	4		
No. oil pumps	5		
No. molasses pumps	2		
No. milk bottles inspected			32
No. pedlers' licenses inspected			8
Ice wagon scales inspected			2
Junk dealers' scales inspected			3
Store scales inspected			7
Received for servires	\$41 00		
Cash paid for supplies	5 42		
			\$46 42

Fees collected	\$10 19	
Received for licenses	12 00	
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Cost to the town		<hr/> \$24 23

ALVAN G. SPENCER,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## Assessors' Report

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Taxable real estate, April	\$988,400 00
Taxable personal estate, April assessment	354,012 00
Taxable personal estate, Dec. 1	9,899 00
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	\$1,352,311 00
Exempted real estate	\$31,885 00
Exempted personal estate	1,750 00
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	\$33,635 00
Total valuation	\$1,385,946 00
Total valuation, 1914	1,419,564 00
Total tax rate, 1916	\$19.80 per \$1,000 00
Town tax	\$26,883 87
Tax, December assessment	\$196 00
County tax	\$1,756 55
State tax	\$2,480 00
Excise tax	\$406 08
Persons assessed	1,048
Poll tax only	167

Polls assessed	489
Polls exempt	34
Total number polls	489
Number acres land	12,839
Number of dwelling houses	524
Number of horses	271
Number of cows	178
Number of neat cattle	40
Number of sheep	33
Number of swine	91
Number of fowl	12,433

FRANK W. JONES,  
EDWARD M. SEXTON,  
LOTHROP E. FESSENDEN,

Assessors.

# Recapitulation

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## EXPENDITURES.

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Almshouse	\$1,660 24
Outdoor poor, home	1,346 82
Outdoor poor, other towns	250 21
State Aid	1,873 00
Soldiers' Relief	193 00
Highway, General	3,345 19
Main Street	5,997 31
High Street	535 84
Summer Street	241 50
River Street	3,887 34
Snow	1,426 86
Town Officers	1,861 52
Incidentals	845 16
Washington Street Cemetery	60 25
Board of Health	346 57
Electric Lights	317 44
James Library	100 00
Town Hall	41 30
Memorial Day	150 00
Gypsy Moth	1,341 59

County tax	1,756 55
State Tax	2,480 00
Abatement of Taxes	737 61
Markers for Soldiers and Sailors'	
Graves	130 50
Spraying Elms	200 00
Squares and Triangles	67 85
Tree Warden	9 35
Mowing Bushes	105 75
Schools	9,732 32
Interest	204 54
Police Officers, per order Second	
District Court	
Fire Account	
Sawyer Cemetery Fund	13 00

## RECEIPTS.

National Bank Tax	\$1,061 96
Street Railway Tax	285 33
Corporation Tax	1,061 96
State Aid	2,006 00
Sawyer Cemetery Fund	8 00
State School Funds	2,362 44
Dog Tax Refund	218 33
Inspection of Animals	23 00
Refund, Poor Account	454 13
Sale of Lots in Cemetery	34 00
Licenses	23 00

Interest on Bank Balances	187 20
Premium and Interest Note Sale	7 00
Superintendent of Almshouse	35 55
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10 19
Telephone Refund	4 20
Excise Tax	406 08
Highway Construction, Common- wealth, on Account	2,860 00
Second District Court, probation fund	40 00
Second District Court, fines	5 20
Union Bridge, junk	17 75
Town Scales	13 08



# Financial Statement

January 1, 1917.

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Notes in favor of Rockland Trust

Company \$10,000 00

Notes to Redeem Trust Funds 1,600 00

Special Road Bond Issue 8,000 00

River Street Road Loan 4,000 00

Interest due 93 33

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\$23,693 33

## ASSETS

Due from State Aid \$1,873 00

Due from Aid to Poor 250 21

Due Moth Account, Real Estate

Owners 34 28

Uncollected Taxes 8,112 06

Interest Due 157 84

Cash on Hand with Treasurer 6,497 32

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\$16,924 71

Balance against the town

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\$6,768 62

## REPORT OF AUDITOR

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee, and Tax Collector and find same to be correct.

HARRY T. FOGG,  
Auditor.

## Appropriations Recommended 1916

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Support of Poor	\$1,500 00
Alms-house	1,500 00
Support of Schools	7,000 00
Highways	5,000 00
Removing Snow	The Excise Tax
Memorial Day	150 00
State Aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1,900 00
Washington Street Cemetery	75 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Mowing Bushes	100 00
Board of Health	500 00
School Physician	25 00
Squares and Triangles	100 00
Town Hall	75 00
Electric Lights	400 00
James Library	100 00
Fire Department	300 00
Abatement of Taxes	200 00
Gypsy Moth	540 92
Sperintendent of Schools	250 00
Interest	1,200 00
State and County Taxes	4,700 00
Gaffield Park	25 00
Incidentals	1,200 00
Spraying Elms	200 00

## List of Jurors

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List of persons qualified to serve as jurors in the Town of Norwell from July 1, 1916 to July 1, 1917.

Robert C. Henderson, carpenter	Tiffany Road
William S. Simmons, retired	Tiffany Road
George S. Morton, farmer	Elm St.
Stanley Oakman, shoeworker	Elm St.
George E. Farrar, shoeworker	High St.
Frank M. Vining, shoeworker	High St.
Timothy Sheehan, shoeworker	Washington St.
Herbert E. Fairbanks, farmer	Washington St.
William E. Burditt, farmer	Bowker St.
William R. Durkee, farmer	Main St.
Harry P. Henderson, farmer	Main St.
Fred M. Curtis, laborer	Central St.
Atwood L. Ainslie, laborer	Central St.
Alonzo W. Osborne, real estate	Pleasant St.
Walter S. Briggs, farmer	Pleasant St.
Earle Richardson, lumberman	Mt. Blue
Albert W. Litchfield, blacksmith	Summer St.
George B. Ellms, carpenter	Summer St.
Alexander Black, laborer	Main St.
John E. Leslie, laborer	Central St.
George E. Ramsdell, painter	Elm St.
Joseph Tolman, poultryman	River St.
A. Howard Allen, poulterer	Winter St.
Fred H. Kidder, upholsterer	Common St.

## Report of Trustees

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### THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND

Amount of fund		\$2,000 00
Loaned on Town Note	\$300 00	
Loaned in Real Estate Mortgage	434 00	
In the Savings Bank	1,266 00	
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		\$2,000 00

Available interest in Bank, Jan. 1, 1916	\$94 40	
Interest on Bank Book	23 87	
Interest on Town Note	124 00	
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		\$242 27

Paid for care of cemetery lot	\$15 00	
Paid worthy poor	94 41	
Available interest in Bank, Jan 1, 1917	132 86	
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		\$242 27

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE ABIGAIL T. OTIS  
CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS

Amount of funds	\$1,500 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1916	443 84	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1917	88 39	
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		\$2,032 23

Paid for care of cemetery lots	\$30 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1917	502 23	
Amount of funds	1,500 00	
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		\$2,032 23

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND

Amount of fund	\$2,000 00	
Loaned on Town Note	\$1,300 00	
In Savings Bank	700 00	
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		\$2,000 00

Available interest in Bank, Jan. 1,	
1916	\$106 61

Interest on Bank Book	37 63
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Interest on Note	104 00
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\$248 24

Paid worthy poor	\$61 45
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Interest in Bank, Jan. 1, 1917	186 79
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\$248 24

FRANK W. JONES,  
EDWARD M. SEXTON,  
LOTHROP E. FESSENDEN,  
Trustees.



## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Year Deposited	Amount of Fund	Interest on Hand Jan. 1, '16	Interest Added dur- ing Year	Expended During Year	Interest on Hand Jan. 1, '17
Josselyn	1888	\$200	\$26 63	\$10 29	\$8 00	\$28 92
Samuel C. Cudworth	1892	200	42 31	11 01	8 00	45 32
Prudence C. Delano	1895	300	59 95	16 33	12 00	64 28
Nancy Hersey	1897	100	4 43	4 74	4 00	5 17
Betsey Tolman	1900	100	2 00	4 63	4 50	2 13
George P. Clapp	1903	100	2 00	4 63	4 50	2 13
Mary O. Robbins	1904	200	15 97	9 79	8 00	17 76
Charles H. Merritt	1905	50	2 72	2 38	2 00	3 10
James W. Sampson	1906	250	18 60	12 20	4 00	26 80
Robbins Tomb	1907	100	32 19	6 00	8 00	30 19
Davis Damon	1907	100	8 51	4 92	—	13 43
Susan C. Canon	1907	100	4 50	4 74	4 00	5 24
George H. Bates	1907	100	4 44	4 74	4 00	5 18
Gad Leavitt	1909	100	4 76	4 66	4 00	5 42
Adeline A. Payne	1910	200	24 03	10 18	6 00	28 21
Thomas Sampson	1911	100	1 50	3 46	—	4 96
Abbie S. Bates	1915	200	—	4 00	—	4 00
Hosea J. Stockbridge	1915	200	—	9 10	—	9 10
Brownell	1916	150	—	3 00	3 00	—

FRANK W. JONES  
 EDWARD M. SEXTON  
 LOTHROP E. FESSENDEN  
 Trustees

## Transcript of Articles in the Warrant

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Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To bring their votes for a Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables and a Tree Warden for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health or three years, and to vote yes or no in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town", all on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Art. 4. To make necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Art. 6 What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 9. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Art. 10. Will the town cause a statement of its financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Art. 11. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Art. 12. What price will the town pay for labor on the highway for the ensuing year.

Art. 13 What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair.

Art. 14. Will the town give any instruction to town officers.

Art. 15. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. Will the town take any action in regard to the care of parks, squares and triangles and make any appropriation for the same.

Art. 17. Will the town make an appropriation for the James Library in return for the free privilege of taking books which the townspeople now have.

Art. 18. Will the town act in conjunction with the town of Hanover to have electric lights at the terminus of River street, Norwell, and Broadway, Hanover, at the third Herring Brook and at Assinippi.

Art. 19. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$540.92 for the suppression of Gypsy and Browntail moths.

Art. 20. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of fighting fires.

Art. 22. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the spraying of elm trees along the highways.

Art. 23. What sum of money will the town appropriate for electric lights.

Art. 24. Will the town vote to make the moth tax general.

Art. 25. Will the town change the name of Elm Street to Stetson Road.

Art. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1918, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1918, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1918.

Persons desiring additional articles in the warrant must present them to the selectmen on or before Feb 17, 1917.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NORWELL  
FOR THE YEAR 1916

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# Report of the School Committee of Norwell for the Year 1916

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Norwell:*

In presenting this report, we shall give only the business and financial matters concerned. Superintendent Hayes will give you a good idea of the work and the progress which is being made in the schools.

At the annual Town Meeting, Mr. Benjamin Loring was re-elected for a term of three years.

The first business meeting was held on March 14, when Mr. Loring was chosen chairman of the Committee, and Miss Ford secretary.

It was voted that Proposals for Transportation and for Wood be printed and distributed. Bids were opened publicly, at Dist. No. 5 schoolhouse on March 24.

Bids for wood were as follows:

For Dist. No. 1, 4 cds. Hard, 2 cds. Pine Trash.

Richardson Bros	\$27 00
Benjamin Loring	22 00
W. D. Turner	25 58

For Dist. No. 2, 3 cds. Hard, 1cd, Pine Trash.

L. F. Hammond	\$16 40
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Richardson Bros	18 25
Benjamin Loring	16 00
W. D. Turner	17 41

For Dist. No. 5, 4 cds. Hard, 1 cd. Pine Trash.

Richardson Bros.	\$23 00
L. F. Hammond	20 80
Benjamin Loring	20 00
John Burns	19 00
W. D. Turner	21 83

For Dist. No. 6, 2 cds. Hard, 1 cd. Pine Trash.

John Burns	\$11 00
Richardson Bros.	13 50
L. F. Hammond	12 00
W. D. Turner	12 29

For Dist. No. 7, 4 cds. Hard, 1 cd. Pine Trash.

Richardson Bros.	\$23 00
A. F. Henderson	23 00
W. D. Turner	22 28

Contracts given as follows-

Benjamin Loring, Dist. No. 1	\$22 00
Benjamin Loring, Dist. No. 2	16 00

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\$38 00

John Burns, Dist. No. 5	19 00
John Burns, Dist. No. 6	11 00

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\$30 00

W. D. Turner, Dist. No. 7	22 28
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Total	\$90 28
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Bids received for Transportation of pupils for 38 weeks,  
beginning April 3, 1916

John F. Osborne	\$2,888 00
Contract given to John F. Osborne for	\$2,888 00

Proposals for Painting at Dist. Nos. 1 and 7, paint to be furnished by the committee, were issued in July.

The following bids were received:

Charles W. Smith, inside work as per contract  
at Dist. No. 7, \$2.25 per day.

Eugene Sullivan, Dist. No. 1	\$160 00
W. C. Soule, Dist. No. 1	120 00
C. F. Brown, Dist. No. 1	97 50
W. C. Soule, Dist. No. 7	68 00

C. F. Brown, Dist. No. 7	70 00
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Contracts given as follows:

W. C. Soule, Dist. No. 7	\$68 00
C. F. Brown, Dist. No. 1	97 50

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\$165 50

In connection with this work it was necessary to do more than was called for in the contract, so we had varnishing and shellacing done at this time. We also decided to have a new steel ceiling and a new floor at Dist. No. 7. These two items have caused us to overrun our appropriations, but they may both be considered as permanent improvements.

Although the building at Dist. No. 2 is not in use at the present time, it ought to be kept in repair, and an appropriation should be raised for painting during the coming year. If we could give one building a thorough repairing each year, it would keep them all in good condition. Would it not be well for the town to try and dispose of the building in Dist. No. 4, and use the proceeds to repair some building which is in use? The Town Hall needs renovating and heating if we are obliged to use it for school purposes. But, at best, the recitation room is inadequate to our needs, and the laboratory, so called, is certainly not an attractive place for pupils to work.

Gentlemen, when you go to Town Meeting, look the building over and then try to imagine that main room being comfortably heated in zero weather with two small coal stoves; glance into the recitation room and imagine being comfortably cool with fifteen or more in the room, either winter or summer; then again, imagine going from the main room, or the recitation room, through that cold hallway to the laboratory. We need a new High School building. We believe the Town of Norwell can afford to erect a suitable building. We are justly proud of our Norwell High school graduates, but why not give future pupils a better building, better equipment, establish a commercial course, which will require one more teacher, and by so doing, put forth an inducement to every boy and girl entering the school to stay and graduate.

We are planning to call a meeting in the spring for the purpose of forming a Parent-Teachers' association. If a goodly number should respond we are sure it would be a help to all. We are anxious to do the best we can for the

children and with suggestions from parents and teachers, we might be able to work out several problems that have perplexed us.

One question in particular we would ask; "What can be done to gain a better record of attendance?"

Should your child be absent a day or two every week? Do you consider what an extra amount of work it makes for the teacher? She does the best she can to have that child make up all the work; but if she does not promote at the end of the year, then who has to bear the blame?

Parents and friends, we ask your co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,  
CARRIE M. FORD,  
AMY W. SYLVESTER.

# Expenditures

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YEAR ENDING DEC. 30, 1916

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## HIGH SCHOOL FUND

Unexpended balance in 1915	\$233 46
Received from State, Nov. 1916	500 00

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\$733 46

D. C. Heath & Co., books	\$19 78
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	60 35
Ginn & Co., books	31 88
L. E. Knott App. Co., laboratory supplies	9 26
American Book Co., books	1 92
F. H. Kierstead, teaching	105 00
Jenny R. Hill, teaching	50 00
J. M. Nichols, teaching	175 00
Josephine V. Sanford, teaching	62 50
Esther M. Lydon, teaching	100 00
Marjorie H. Leighton, teaching	37 50
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., books	22 19
Wm. R. Durkee, janitor service, supplies	25 50
C. O. Litchfield, moving safe, auto hire	17 00

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\$717 88

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Unexpended balance in 1916

\$15 58



# EXPENDITURES FROM GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

## TRANSPORTATION

Balance of 1915 contract	\$866 00	
Paid John F. Osborne		866 00
Contract for 1916	\$2,888 00	
Paid John F. Osborne		1,976 00
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Cost for year 1916		\$2,842 00
Unexpended in 1916	\$912 00	

## SUPERINTENDENT

Paid James S. Hayes	\$566 67
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## JANITORS

Paid:	
Wm. R. Durkee, High School	\$180 00
Arthur L. Merritt, Dist. No. 1	57 00
Arthur H. Osborne, Dist. No. 2	33 00
Mary A. Osborne, Dist. No. 5	63 00
Samuel Olson, Dist. No. 6	39 00
A. K. Wadsworth, Dist No. 6	18 00
Wm. C. Tolman, Dist. No. 7	57 00
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	\$447 00

## FUEL AND FITTING

Paid:

Robert Smith, splitting and housing	\$2 00
Benjamin Loring, wood, Dist. No. 7	5 00
Benjamin Loring, wood, Dist. 1-2-High	24 75
John Burns, wood, contract	20 00
Carrie M. Ford, cash paid J. W.	
Burns on contract	10 00
W. D. Turner, wood, contract	22 28
W. D. Turner, wood, Dist. No. 5	4 25
Benjamin Loring, wood, contract	38 00
Albert Osborne, housing wood	3 00
John F. Osborne, sawing	12 00
Fessenden & Allen, sawing	13 00
George E. White, splitting and housing	8 50
C. A. Brett, coal	80 00

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\$242 78

## BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Paid:

E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	\$111 79
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., book	84
American Book Co., books	19 80

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\$132 43

## TEACHERS' SALARIES

Paid:

F. H. Kierstead	\$525 00
George E. Kimball	200 00



Jenny R. Hall	250 00
Esther M. Lydon	100 00
Gretchen Horstmeyer	300 00
Josephine V. Sanford	100 00
Elizabeth I. Taylor	456 00
Carolyn C. Grace	275 00
Jessie P. Tisdale	224 00
Marion G. Merritt	475 00
Maria W. Tolman	475 00
Ella F. Osborne	570 00
Mabel E. Adams	253 00
Alice K. Wadsworth	339 00
A. G. Eldridge	75 00

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\$4,617 00

## SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

### Paid:

Randall's Ex., freight and carting	\$1 00
Wm. C. Tolman, Jr., repairs	1 00
Walter T. Osborne, truant officer	5 00
George A. Turner, stock and labor	256 65
Harry B. Merritt, repairs	1 25
George F. Welch Co., supplies	5 25
Wheeler's Grocery, brooms	80
Hall & Torrey, repairs	1 25
J. L. Hammond Co., diplomas	5 64
Harrison L. House, lettering	4 50
Charles Brewster, cedar posts	7 00
C. A. Bruce, janitor service	2 50
C. O. Litchfield, auto hire	8 00
Penn. Metal Co., metal ceiling	58 50

Wm. R. Durkee, repairs	5 30
Carrie M. Ford, music, printing and cleaning	41 30
W. W. Wade, tuning pianos	4 00
Clarence Winslow, cleaning vaults	3 00
W. H. Spencer, cleaning pipes and stoves	4 00
W. C. Soule, labor on ceiling and desks	37 19
York Safe & Lock Co., safe	37 14
Mary A. Osborne, cleaning	12 50
John F. Osborne, barges for grad., etc.	16 00
E. P. Reed Lumber Co., lumber	30 70
Geo. E. Kimball, lumber and nails	72 26
Benjamin Loring, expense securing teachers, tel., etc.	15 70
W. C. Soule, oiling floors, setting glass	11 71
C. C. Hook, stock and labor	39 86
C. F. Brown, paint, varnish, labor	106 99
Sears, Roebuck & Co., wire fencing	27 00
W. Scott Osborne, plastering and whitening	38 10
Mrs. A. L. Sylvester, freight on wire	1 85
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, desk	13 50
Joseph F. Totman, floor oil	8 00

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\$884 44

### SPECIAL FOR PAINTING

Amount appropriated	\$250 00
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#### Paid:

C. F. Brown, contract, Dist., No. 1	\$97 50
W. C. Soule, contract, Dist. No. 7	68 00

Sears, Roebuck & Co., paint	80 64	
Mrs. A. L. Sylvester, freight on paint	4 53	
Phillips, Bates & Co., supplies	5 45	
	<hr/>	\$256 12

Exceeded appropriation	\$6 12
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## SUMMARY, YEAR 1916

## HIGH SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT

Unexpended in 1915	\$233 46	
Received from State, Nov. 1916	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$733 46

## Withdrawn

On account of High School	717 88	
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Unexpended in 1916		\$15 58

## AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

Town appropriation for schools	\$7,000 00	
Town appropriation for Superintendent	250 00	
Special appropriation for painting	250 00	
State, for Superintendent and teachers	416 66	
Tuition and transportation of State		
Wards	542 50	
Mass. State Fund	903 28	
Dog tax	218 33	
	<hr/>	\$9,580 77

## EXPENDITURES

Paid:

Transportation	\$2,842 00	
Superintendent	566 67	
Janitors	447 00	
Fuel and fitting	242 78	
Teachers' Salaries	4,617 00	
Books and school supplies	132 43	
Incidentals	884 44	
Painting	256 12	
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		\$9,988 44
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Exceeded appropriation		\$407 67

Total cost of schools and repairs \$10,706 32

CARRIE M. FORD,

Secretary.

## Superintendent's Report

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*To the School Committee of Norwell:*

I herewith submit my ninth annual report.

Few changes were made in our corps of teachers the past year in the elementary schools. No. 2 school was closed as the number of pupils was considered too small to continue it, and the few in that district were transported by barge to Ridge Hill Primary.

Miss Mabel Adams retired at No. 6, after a number of years of faithful service and Miss Alice K. Wadsworth who taught No. 2 was transferred to No. 6.

Miss Jessie Tisdale, who had been teaching in West Bridgewater, was elected to the Ridge Hill Grammar to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Miss Carolyn Grace, who finished her duties at the close of school in June.

The remaining members of our staff are still in service and doing effective work for the pupils in their charge. Primary No. 5 and Primary No. 7 have tried and true teachers who have been in service a long time, and this town is to be congratulated on retaining year after year such teachers. No. 5 Grammar is doing good work. While salaries of our teachers are fairly comparable with those of towns about the same population and valuation, they are below what I should like to have them receive in these times of high cost of living.

Conditions at Ridge Hill Primary are not satisfactory as there are forty-eight pupils in this room—five grades in the care of one teacher. Perhaps this problem may be solved before the close of this school year. I quote the following:

"It appears that schooling is our greatest national industry. It is an industry upon which any nation might be glad to base its standing in the world, and its hope of progress. Upon this industry all other industries depend for their essential elements". "Report of the Bureau of Education shows 24% of the population are in school, either as pupils or teachers—and this record is a world record."

The Eye and Ear Test shows the following:

Number of pupils enrolled	245
Number found defective in eyesight	10
Number found defective in hearing	3
Number of parents or guardians notified	10

About four per cent. were shown to be defective, a very good record, a few defects have already been corrected with proper glasses.

New books in History and Grammar were introduced into No. 5 Grammar the past year. The lives of some of our books are short, but better care on the part of our pupils should prolong those lives. While I do not believe in keeping dilapidated and almost worn out books in use, our appropriation is rather small for text books, and there should be renewals, or new introductions, a little more frequently than we have been able to make them.

Music books should be introduced into all the schools, and a supervisor of music added to our staff. Our graduates who take up the work in the Normal School find themselves handicapped because of lack of knowledge of this important study. Our teachers do some work in this subject in the grades, but better results could be obtained by regular visits of a trained instructor.

## HIGH SCHOOL

About one-fifth of the entire school population is in the High School, there being fifty-eight enrolled the present year, our highest number. The school opened in September with an entirely new corps of teachers, last year's corps having obtained positions elsewhere. This wholesale going hinders the advancement of any school as the retention of teachers who have learned the needs of the school, and of the individual pupils is important.

This was shown soon after the opening of our school this year. The new principal did not get into touch with the pupils early in the school year, and this followed by illness caused his resignation after three months of labor. We were most fortunate in obtaining the services of John M. Nichols, a teacher of wide experience, to take the principalship, and his masterly guidance is shown in the school.

Miss Sanford, one of the new assistants, was forced by ill health, to ask for a leave of absence just before the Christmas vacation, and her place is being filled by a substitute. Our other assistant, Miss Esther M. Lydon, has shown herself to be a teacher of ability and under her direction effective progress is being made.

A great deal of responsibility is thrown upon the shoulders of our High School teachers that should not be



there. The parents should be made to share a portion of it, and could it be placed where it belongs, a better school spirit would be in evidence, and less grounds for some unjust criticisms.

The triumphant career of our base ball team was halted by a defeat at the hands and clubs of Scituate, who carried off the cup this year.

A course of Music would be helpful in our High School.

Our graduates in higher institutions are doing good work as good reports are heard from them.

My thanks are due you for your hearty co-operation, and to the teachers for faithful performance of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. HAYES,  
Superintendent Schools.

December 30, 1916.



TOWN	Pupils Enrolled	Population 1913	Valuation 1913	Teachers' Salaries	Text-Books	LOCAL TAXATION		354 towns in Mass.	HIGH SCHOOL EX- PENDITURES			Text Books Per Pupil Average	Membership
						Amount	Per Pupil Average	Rank	Amount	Per Pupil Average	Membership		
Hanover	381	2666	\$2,287,980	\$7,988.00	\$169.34	\$10,985.79	\$31.75	196	\$3,749	\$59.51		\$1.46	
Hadley	538	2666	2,231,764	7,353.51	421.44	19,472.91	20.86	327	5,199	63.40		2.49	
Kingston	503	2580	1,706,196	7,780.40	233.45	12,338.35	26.20	279	3,349	52.33		1.08	
Holliston	488	2788	2,147,329	6,929.70	563.67	15,072.52	33.27	173	4,216	54.75		2.78	
Duxbury	322	1921	3,905,044	7,788.05	255.59	13,430.90	45.68	46	3,330	65.9		1.10	
Norwell	269	1563	1,384,674	4,801.00	145.51	7,483.88	32.12	190	3,522	62.89		1.68	
Pembroke	235	1337	1,246,735	4,863.45	263.23	8,663.67	41.45	70	4,084	92.82		.50	
Marshfield	262	1725	2,801,453	4,771.23	543.30	10,477.97	44.78	51	2,432	45.04		4.59	

Statistics from report of Board of Education showing a few comparisons between our town and nearby towns, also an appeal for a new High School building.

I wonder if the citizens are satisfied with their High School building as a place where their children spend five hours a day! It houses them, of course, but it does not do that well. High posted, impossible to heat on a cold day, pupils huddled about the stoves—even living conditions are poor.

What inspiration can your children get from the school room under such conditions? Are we not ready for a new building? One that might house all our children perhaps, under the same roof. What a fine thing to look forward to!

Is there any philanthropist in town who will start a movement for a new building?

And following that, how much better it would be to motorize our transportation. Undoubtedly one machine could do the work, and many pupils would not have to leave home so early mornings, nor be so late in getting home in the afternoon. A motor car, including salary of the chauffeur, would be less each year than the present prices of transportation.

Is it not a fine picture? What can be done to bring it to realization?

JAMES S. HAYES.



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